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Co-chairs and Coordinators,

Hope all is going well and you are all working towards scheduling your first meetings. Please find attached a final list of members for all the workgroups approved by the Steering Committee on July 31. Also find attached a revised version of the letter we discussed at our meeting. Teddi also sent me the wording below that she has been using in her conversations with her members. There are a lot of good points so I figured the best thing to do is forward it to all of you to cut and paste into the letter as you see fit.

Please let me know if you need any assistance with getting your members notified and your meetings started.

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**From:** Stark, Teddi  
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**Subject:** Forestry Workgroup

Hi, Nicki!

I will have our finalized workgroup list to you by later this afternoon.

Also, here is what I had been using to discuss with workgroup members what their service would look like. Perhaps parts are reusable for those look for the background information to include in the letter. Even if not, is this okay to include in our letter that we send out to confirmed workgroup members?

Thanks!

Dear NameHere,

On behalf of the nameofsectorhere Workgroup, we would like to tentatively invite you to join our workgroup and contribute to the development of Pennsylvania's Phase III Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP).

For some background:

Since the federal Chesapeake Bay Program's formation in 1983, several written agreements have guided the partnership's pollution reduction and ecosystem restoration efforts. The original Chesapeake Bay Agreement was a simple, one-page pledge signed in 1983. In 1987, the Chesapeake Bay Agreement set the first numeric goals to reduce pollution and restore the Bay ecosystem. In 2000, Bay Program partners signed *Chesapeake 2000*, which established 102 goals to reduce pollution, restore habitats, protect living resources, promote sound land use practices and engage the public in Bay restoration. By 2009, it was clear that Bay Program partners needed to dramatically accelerate the pace of Bay restoration. That year, a focus on short-term restoration goals called milestones was established. In 2010, the EPA established the landmark Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). The Chesapeake Bay TMDL is a federal "pollution diet" that sets limits on the amount of nutrients and sediment that can enter the Bay and its tidal rivers to meet water quality goals. Each of the seven Bay jurisdictions (MD, VA, WV, DE, NY, PA, and DC) created a Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) that spells out detailed, specific steps the jurisdiction will take to meet these pollution reductions by 2025. Federal, state and local governments are coordinating through the Bay Program partnership to develop the WIPs. The WIPs will guide local and state Bay restoration efforts through the next decade and beyond. The Bay jurisdictions will use their two-year milestones to track and assess progress toward completing the restoration actions in their WIPs.

Now, it is time for Pennsylvania to update our WIP and draft the action plan for the third phase of reducing pollution flowing from PA into the Chesapeake Bay. For an upstream jurisdiction in the nation's largest estuary, Pennsylvania has a significant impact on the Bay and much of its watershed, and has a pivotal role in the ongoing restoration effort. Great strides are needed to get Pennsylvania on-track to meet its pollution reduction goals. The development of a strategic and achievable Phase III WIP is paramount to the success of the Chesapeake Bay cleanup efforts, as well as to the restoration of waterways in the Bay Watershed portion of PA, and across the Commonwealth.

For this Phase III WIP development process, NameOfCoChairOne and NameOfCoChairTwo are co-chairing the workgroup for Forestry Sector. NameOfCoordinator is serving as workgroup coordinator. The SectorName sector of the Phase III WIP will outline new methods for reaching Pennsylvania's reduction goals that will result from the installation of practices including ListOfPotentialPriorityInitiativesHere, and other related BMPs.

We are charged with developing a 10-person committee of individuals working in related roles to help set goals for these items while keeping in mind the other sectors, which include (remove your sector from the following list) Forestry, Agriculture, Wastewater, Stormwater, Local Area Planning Goals, and Funding.

We feel you would be a wonderful addition to the group, and your NameofFieldofExpertise knowledge and expertise across the conservation field would prove invaluable to the process of outlining truly achievable methods for making progress to ensure that Pennsylvania is able to meet its reduction goals to improve not only the health of the Chesapeake Bay, but to improve water quality and quality of life to benefit all Pennsylvanians.

Time commitments for this work will likely include monthly meetings beginning in August or September of 2017 through May of 2018. In between meetings, workgroup members will likely be expected to help conduct some research, review

draft portions of language for the **NameOfSector** section of the Phase III WIP, and seek outside comment from colleagues and constituents to contribute to the development of the WIP. In May of 2018, a draft action plan is due to DEP for review, and will be released in August of 2018 for public comment. A draft of the Phase III WIP is due to the EPA for review in December of 2018.

Please feel free to reach out with further questions concerning this process.

Thank you so much for your interest, and we look forward to your response.

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